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Acknowledgment and disclaimer: It is my good fortune to browse through hundreds of variety descriptions each season. I wish to thank the authors who concoct these skillful potpourris of exaggeration, cornpone and truth, for providing me with inspiration. I believe that no subject should be too sacred, no belief too cherished, to escape the enlightenment of humor. I realize that the line between humor and offense is a fine one indeed. If you are amused, I'm pleased. If you are offended, I apologize. If you can't laugh at yourself and the world, please pass this on to someone who can. cr lawn.

Directions and Other Unnecessary Diversions

You mean you don't think all this writing is just here to fill the space? You're actually going to read the directions? Amazing!

I. When is a rule not a rule?

All rules are made to be broken. If you see a rule in these directions, try to find a way you can circumvent it in your case. For hints see Section V. How To Be a Memorable Customer. Then call the order co-ordinator to see if YOU can be a SPECIAL EXCEPTION. Remember, the more special exceptions we have, the more interesting the order is to co-ordinate. Don't allow our co-ordinator to get bored! Be creative! Besides, we love to talk to you on the phone (as long as you pay the bill).

II. When is a deadline not a deadline?

Fedco Seeds operates as a preorder coop and an inventory warehouse at the same time. This may seem impossible, but if you think that, you just don't know us. As a corollary, Fedco Seeds has deadlines which aren't really deadlines. Remember: your order is never quite so late as you think it is. Orders are due no later than Sat. Jan. 31, except that we also accept orders on Sun. Feb. 1 over the phone, and those coming in Mon. Feb. 2's mail. Orders received after that are also accepted and treated exactly the same as earlier orders except that we say they aren't eligible for early delivery or volume discounts. Actually we fill early delivery orders until we make early delivery shipments, and we try to give a volume discount to anyone we can, whenever they order.

III. When is a minimum order not a minimum order?

Orders under $25 will be respectfully refused, except that we always accept orders between $20 and $25 and usually between $15 and $20, accompanied by a harmless note saying if you don't follow the rule next year, we'll refuse your order. Orders under $15 are occasionally refused, if the co-ordinator is in a bad mood the day he receives them. In nine years of existence, we have refused four orders.

IV. When is a guarantee not a guarantee?

Our guarantee: if you are displeased in any way by our seeds, you can get your money back. Of course, by the time you've found out that the seeds didn't germinate, it is too late to plant until next season. So you should really ask us for ten dozen ears of corn instead of your seventy cents back or another packet of corn seed that won't be usable till next year. Remember our motto: "If we can't please you, we gotta sleaze you."

V: How to Be a Memorable Customer

We have hundreds of customers, so, of course, you're just going to be another anonymous U137 shipping number unless you do something to make yourself more conspicuous. There are several ways to do this:

1) Order over $1,000! Ten groups have done it. Needless to say, we can rattle off their names and their co-ordinators' names at the drop of a hat. This method is only available to large organizations and fanatic organizers. We love you.

2) Send us a donation! It can be money or a special heirloom seed you want us to try, almost anything will endear you to us.

3) Give your group a funny name! We love getting orders but opening the 63rd one in a day can be monotonous...but not if you interject hilarity into the proceedings. Over the years we've encountered some wonderful names. Here are a few of the good ones:

Avant Gardens	Peas in Our Thyme
Entropy Accelerators	Terrabundance
Pernicious Parsnips	Roots and Fruits
Pumpkin Hollow	Two Clay Pigs
Acres of Diamonds	Dawn Till Done Farm

Lakeville's Leguminous League
Marlboro Community Stomach
Lanesboro Gardening Angels
Hungry Chuck's Inevitable Coop
Ugly Apple Conspiracy

4) Do something fun: For example, bring a jar of homemade wine to share when you come pick up your seeds. Or bring musical instruments and play for us. Or stay overnight and party with us. Or send us back the rubber bands when you're through with your breakdown. We always get a kick out of that.

5) Make yourself obnoxious: In addition to the ones listed below, all of which have happened in our 9-year history, we can suggest others if you need inspiration. Just contact us. Here are a few of the better ones we can't resist sharing:

1) Don't include your address or phone number with your order. Let us guess.

2) Submit your order requesting early delivery service after all early orders have been shipped.

3) Put the price you are supposed to pay instead of the number of packets you want, in the "ordered" column. That way you just might get 60 packets of peas instead of 2 packets for 30 cents each. It's worth a try.

4) Point out our math error and ask us for a refund of 12 cents (even though it cost you 22 cents postage to ask us for the 12 cents, and will cost us 22 more cents to ship it to you.)

5) Send us an additional six cents because we enclosed one jiffy pot too many on your large order.

6)Don't prepay. Maybe we'll overlook it. If you can move in the meantime and not leave your forwarding address, you can stick us.

7)Send us all your individual orders and all your individual checks and expect us to collate them.

8)Take your pickup discount, but ask us to drop ship your order to Kingfield so you can get it en route to a ski trip to Sugarloaf!

9) Send check payable to another seed company.

10) Send us two identical checks with the same order.

11) Send us only the totals page of your order form and let us guess what you want. Because four folks did this in one day in 1987, we are beginning a subscription service in 1988. Troubled by tough decisions? Leave the choosing to us!

Remember our second motto: "Our customers are always right...except when they're wrong!"

6) Ask for the impossible, we routinely achieve it! 1) Ask for shipment the day before you send your order. Our Department of Telepathy will serve you. 2) Ask for shipment the day after a 20-inch blizzard has incapacitated all trucks. We will teleport your order. 3) Change your preferred method of shipment at least 3 times between February and March, the final time by calling us an hour after we shipped. Our trained mind readers will anticipate your every desire. 4) Try planting peas in the March snow and sweet corn during that first evanescent April warming spell (but just before the blizzard that inevitably follows). When you ask for a refund our public relations department will politely suggest that you move a few hundred miles south.

VI: How to Figure Your Shipping Costs

Follow this simple formula to determine how much to pay for shipping:

1) Determine your zone. To find zone take the distance from Waterville squared X π to the third power divided by the cube root of your age.

2) Use this formula: Zone squared X $\prod$ divided by $ volume equals shipping cost.

3) If you ordered the two previous years deduct an additional 10%.

See how easy it is to order from Fedco Seeds!

VII: How To Fill out Your Order Sheet

1) Put your zip code on every page.

2) Use only hash marks. No numbers, please.

3) Use only red ink. Indelible kind preferred.

4) Add 5% sales tax to all section totals.

5) All orders MUST enclose $5 for optional federation subsidy (federation is now defunct).

6) Use only black ink.

7) Ignore no. 6 and no. 3 don't use ink at all.

8) Do not use hash marks.

9) Write your address on every page.

10) Leave every page blank.

11) Send us at least six identical copies. If we find any discrepancies between any of them we will call you.

12) Enclose money on every page.

13) Do not pass go, do not collect $200.

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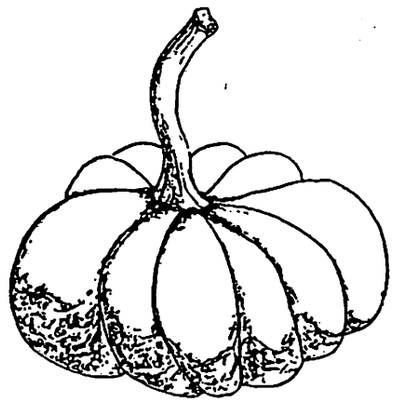


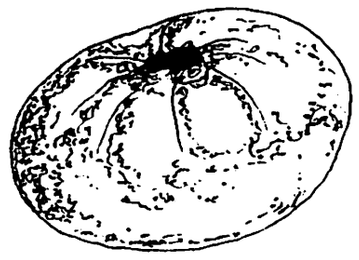
VIII: How We Select and Describe Varieties

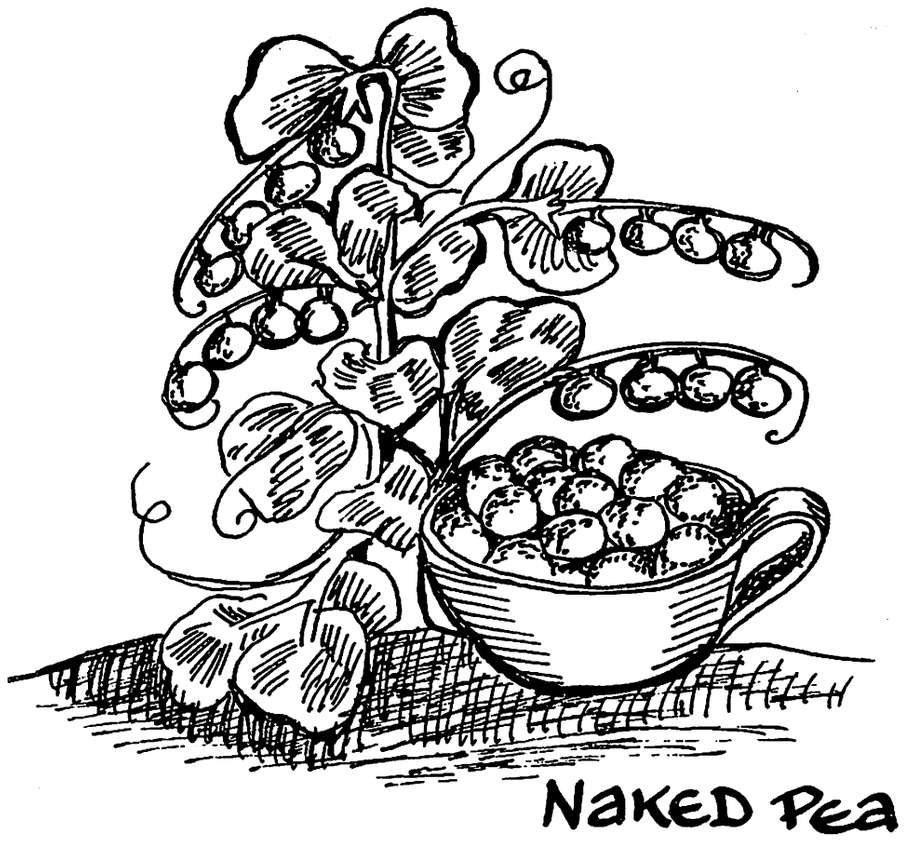
The varieties which follow have been very carefully chosen to titillate your fancy. Many have been grown out in the fertile mud and invigorating climate of Summer Slavery Farm, where frost is an ever-threatening spectre, and mere survival a sufficient badge of adaptability! They have been inspected, rejected, resurrected, reselected, and their genes otherwise messed with. Genetics notwithstanding, the most important consideration in choosing varieties is to pick ones with snappy names or pretty seeds. If you can't remember the name, how can we expect you to buy it? Snappy variety names are the result of careful choices and adherence to the time-honored traditions of the seed trade. These include, but are not limited to: 1) exploitation of our sexual desires. Thus we have Platinum Lady and Sugar Buns Sweet Corn, Big Girl and Ultra Girl Tomatoes, Big Bully and You Sweet Thing Watermelons. 2) exploitation of our sugar addiction brings us Sugar Ann and Sugarrae Snap Peas, Sugar Baby Watermelon, Sweet Sue Corn, Sweetie Pumpkin and Sweet 100 Cherry Tomatoes. 3) Use of hyperbole as in Incredible, Miracle and Phenomenal Sweet Corns, A plus Carrot, Goliath Broecoli, Ambrosia Muskmelon. Our list continues and expands this venerable tradition.

As we select varieties, novelty is another important attribute. A bean is a bean, and if you've seen one bean you've seen 'em all. Just another has bean. But if the bean is the longest, tallest, weirdest color, widest spreader, if it has an elegant french name, then it is more than a bean, it is a novelty. Novelties are very fashionable at the present time. We strive always to keep up with the latest veggie fashions.

Of much less importance in our choices is survivability in our climate. Some of these items will make it, some may fall short. Some will make it some years and fall short other years. You won't know till you try. With our climate, you may not even know then. We want to put the suspense back into gardening.

Taste? Taste is irrelevant. Who cares what it tastes like? Its just gotta look good and have an intriguing name.





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SECTION 1 LEGUMES

Peas are a cool weather crop. To avoid powdery mildew and other summer pea diseases, take a maddock to your frozen ground in February or March. Bust up the ice clods and sow the seed (first removing snow if necessary). Market gardeners love this crop because their customers get to shell out twice.

Beans are a warm weather crop. On those rare occasions when we have a reasonable summer, they can be quite prolific. To avoid bean stoop, put your younger kids to work when it is time to pick them. They don't have to reach down so far to get them.

0. Naked Pea: The world's first podless pea. Peas hang out from vines like ornaments on a Christmas tree. Slows down the picking time but eliminates shelling.

666. Pea, Colossal Climber: Vines shoot up quickly and JUST KEEP ON GOING! Makes the stepladder a *de rigueur* piece of garden equipment. A mature woodland for providing stakes would help, too.

9696. Jungle Bean: This climbing type has the unique ability to jump tendrils from pole to pole, weaving a nearly impenetrable jungle in a few short weeks. Patch makes a great blind from which to ambush deer and coons at night, a fine hideout for your kids, and an excellent garden trysting spot.

1111. Flaggelate Beans: A generic type with several species grown by medieval monks in the more demanding orders. For those who don't want to spare the rod, some types work better than a wet noodle.
999. Bionic Bean: 6 foot long beans on long, trailing vines. Caution: may not ripen in northernmost areas.
BOOM! Baking Bean, Big Boomer: Your trumpet will never sound better.
Bean, Triumph de Fart-cy: French version of Big Boomer.
000. Baking Bean, Gasless Soldier: Phalanxes without Phlatulence.
The L.L. Bean: Does well interplanted with the Maine Yankee Leek.
100. Bean of Egypt: A genuine Maine heirloom recently unearthed by enterprising grower/author. Not in danger of extinction.
Zap! Jack-Knife Bean: The Deer-resistant bean. Inedible. Bites at whatever tries to pick it or molest it. More effective than an electric fence, and cheaper to install!

SECTION 2 SWEET CORN

No home garden is complete without a patch of sweet corn. Only the antisocial gardener would be without one. Your outdoor picnic table will have many interesting guests including but not limited to borers (guaranteed not to be boring), porcupines, raccoons, crows (they eat corn, you eat crow) if you will choose from the selections below.

THE INCOMPARABLE SERIES: Wears out all adjectives in trying to describe it. Sweeter than sweet, more perfect than perfect, better than the best. The seed trade's equivalent of the ballplayer giving 120 per cent!
#1 Wicked Good,
#2 Simply Mahvelous,
#3 Absolutely Sensational,
#4 Phrankly Phenomenal

Sweet Corn, Kernal Sanders: Ears fill even in the sandiest soil. Good with fried chicken.
Sweet Corn, Smutty Delight: Fully exposed on the cob. (See also: Suggestive Selections).
Sweet Corn, Tasseltale: Stimulates sibling rivalry.
Sweet Corn, Virgin Ears: Husks so tight, earworms can never penetrate.
Sweet Corn, September Suspense: 84 days in the seed catalog, 104 days in the garden. This sweet corn may be well adapted for the North. Then again, it may not be. IF the weather warms quickly enough in the Spring so the seed doesn't rot, IF the crows don't pull up your young seedlings, IF a thunderstorm doesn't lay them flat, IF raccoons stay away, IF the first frost doesn't come TOO soon, THEN!!!!
Sweet Corn, Sassy Sister: A liberated type. Supersweet only with proper nurturing. Must be isolated from Platinum Lady, Silver Queen and their ilk.

SECTION 3 CONTRABAND

Contraband (kon' tre-band') 1)A musical group which plays at old-fashioned country square dances 2) A roving group of marauding thugs attempting to overthrow the legitimate government of Nicaragua with illegitimate help from the United States 3) Illegal substances sometimes seized by agents of the law.

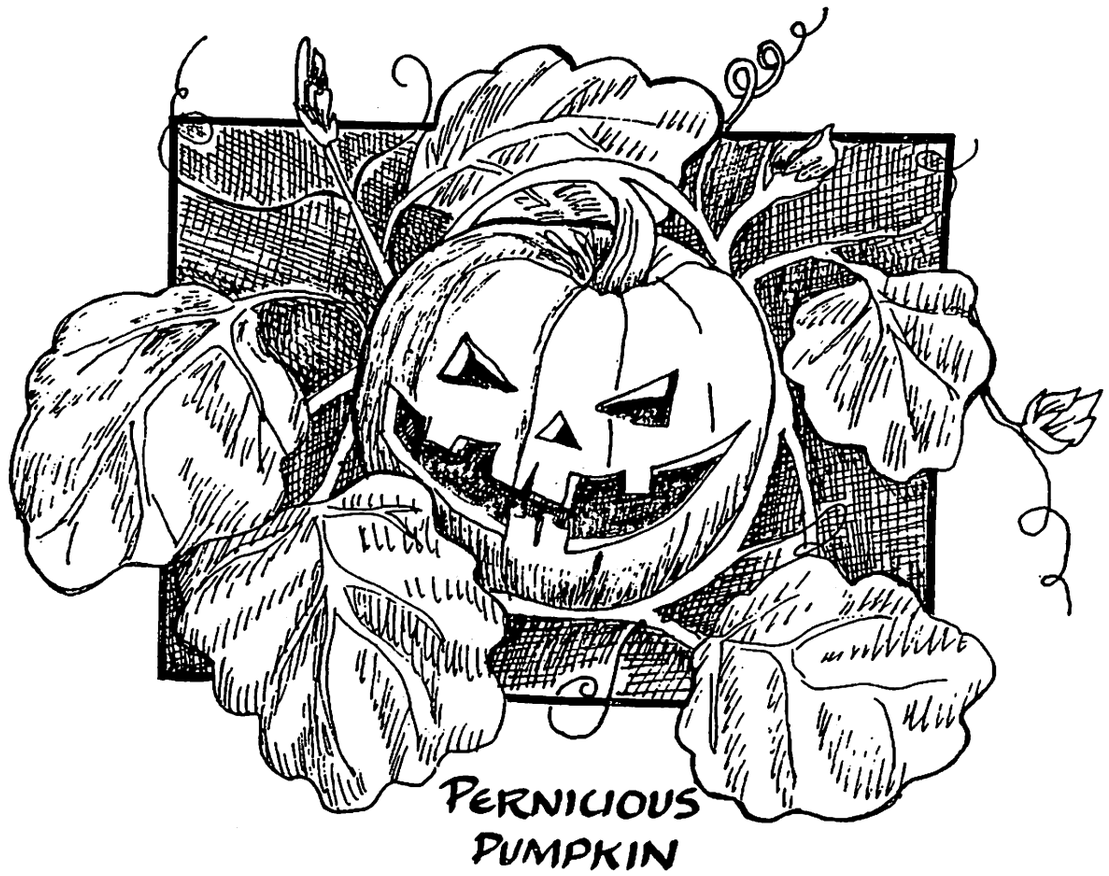
Cannabis, Chameleon: A long-awaited breeding breakthrough. Sensers in the stem detect the approach of unfamiliar footsteps. Plant immediately changes appearance to that of the common pigweed. Restores itself when intruders disappear. SORRY, seed in short supply, limit one packet per customer.

SECTION 4 SQUASH

These should be planted about the time ubiquitous blackflies begin to give way to the even more ravenous mosquitoes. If you come in from squash planting covered with bites, you'll know you probably haven't rushed the season.

Cucumber, Burp-in-a-Bite: Kids love it for those belching contests. For biathlons follow with a serving of Big Boomer Baked Beans.
Squash, Shylock: A pound of flesh in every fruit.
Cantaloupe, Meloncholy Baby: Generic type for almost all varieties during the 1986 "season without a summer."

Pumpkin, Alice: World's first inflatable pumpkin, bred especially for fair exhibitions. Press a wart on the stem of the squash and it shrinks to the size of a small tomato. Load. Upon arriving at exhibition hall, reactivate the wart and watch the pumpkin expand to its former size and BEYOND! CAUTION: BEWARE LOW CEILINGS!!
Zucchini, Louisville Slugger: Keeps on growing. Bred specially to win the Giant Zucchini contest at the Common Ground Fair. Will squash the ball but beware broken bats. (See also: Cabbage, the October Series).
Zucchini, Infinity: You pick one ripe fruit, and two more immediately appear. Tends to depress the market.

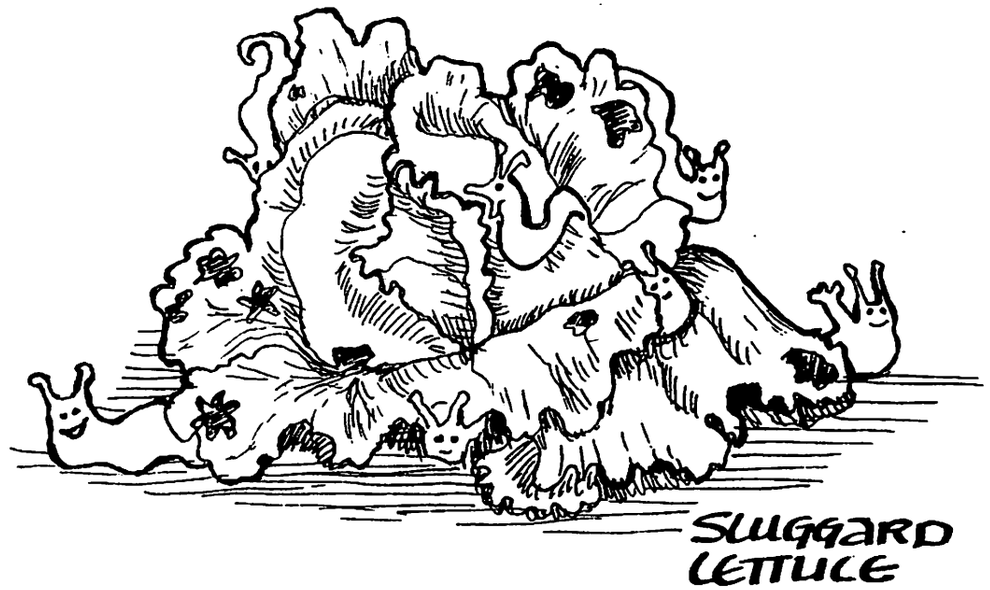


PERNICIOUS PUMPKIN

Pumpkin, Pernicious: The vines crawl all over the garden and choke out all the plants in their path, but you're too good-hearted to pull them up.
Muskie-Melon, Ed: See Presidential Timber.

SECTION 5 DESIGNER GREENS

This section presents the Calvin Kleins and Ralph Laurens of the vegetable world. It is strictly upscale, and yesterday's sensation quickly can become tomorrow's cliché. So shop with care if you want to impress your friends. A good rule of (green) thumb: the more exotic and bitter to the taste, the more likely it is to win raves.
(Chic)ory, Aloof: The first four letters say it all. How can anything look so enticing, yet taste so bitter?
Spinach, Quick Bolting Bloomsdale: Bolts as soon as it germinates. Great for succession cropping.
Lettuce, Lear: When kings abdicate, power plants melt down, and the ozone layer is punctured, all sorts of weird mutants appear.
Lettuce, Headless Prize: Results when you never got around to thinning your lettuce.
Lettuce, Sluggard: Not related to the earlier mentioned zucchini. Thrives in springs with excessive rainfall. Very common in recent years.
Lettuce, Shiver D'Hiver: Germinates only when planted under a blanket of snow.
Lettuce, Baby Bibb: Gourmets' choice, particularly after baby has finished eating.
Lettuce, Boltless Lightning: Never goes to seed. SORRY, crop again failed this year.
Lettuce, Red Nails: Nails left in the ground turn red. So does this lettuce.



SLUGGARD LETTUCE

SECTION 6 OLD KING COLE WAS A MERRY OLD SOUL

Cabbage, Dipel's Delight: The choice of all discriminating cabbage loopers.

Cabbage, Double-Headed: The breeder, Dr. D. Capita, believed that two heads are better than one.

Cabbage, The Perfect Ball: Bred for macho fraternity men.

Cauliflower, Whitehead: The acne of perfection, the epitome of spotlessness. Never needs tying, grows perfectly in any weather, doesn't even need soil to grow, heads snow white with never a brown spot on them.

Broccoli, Wooly Bully: Heads so big one plant will feed the whole family all year long.

SECTION 7 SEEDY R's SUGGESTIVE SELECTIONS

This section is dedicated to the people who brought you You Sweet Thing, Ultra Girl, Sweet Buns, and Sugar Ann. It is also in honor of the breeders of the Sugarsnap who devised the marketing slogan "Pull my string and eat all of me" but had the good sense not to circulate it to the mass media.

Pea, Lacy Lady: This variety really exists. The common shell pea has come a long way, baby!

Tomato, Macho Man: Similar to their more famous counterparts Big Girls, Macho Men don't cry.

Tomato, Tastie Tessie: Love at first bite.

Sweet Corn, Smutty Delight: See sweet corn.

Leek, Sleek: Long and lean like the Tennesee Stud.

CABBAGE: THE OCTOBER SERIES

Even after everything else is out of the garden, these have the *potential* to keep producing. However, weather and soil conditions must be just right. 1986 was a vintage year. Historians also recall 1967, 1975 and 1978 as years of good crops. All the thrills and chills of the late season harvest.

315 Cabbage, Green Monster.

26 Cabbage, Boggs' Single: A sure hit with your markets.

26A Cabbage, Boggs' Double: For best results interplant with Green Monster.

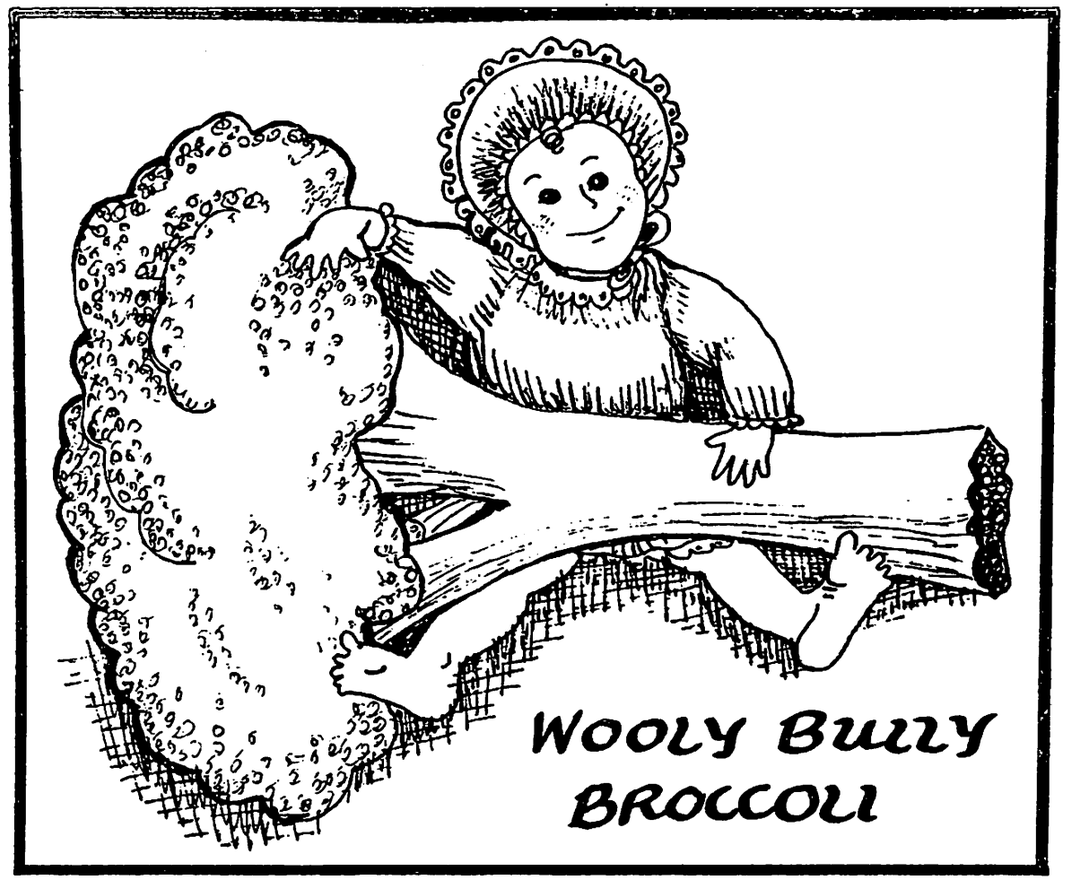
40 Cabbage, Hendu: Midseason transplant which proved very adaptable. Packs a wallop at just the right time. However, short field life.

46 Cabbage, Stanley's Steamer: Don't depend on this one. With your entire season on the line, it's likely to go wild.

24 Cabbage, Dewy: Vintage variety. The right choice for your field, year after year. A great favorite for many years.

1986: Cabbage, Champion Mirage: Just when it appears to be all wrapped up and packed away, it splits apart.

(See also: Dent Corn, Bucky's).



SECTION 8 ROOTS

These garden radicals dig through to the source of it all. Here's to your tilth!

Leek, Infernal: Must be started in January because the crop takes so long to mature. But the seed never arrives at our warehouse before late March.

Leek, Maine Yankee: This is a hot one.

Radish, Iron Tongue: You'd better have one to eat these raw.

Beet, Lady Macbeth: Bleeds profusely as soon as you touch it.

Beet, Early Blunder: (for Emilie) Actually, you hate beets, but you planted this one by mistake.

Carrot, Gary Hart: See Presidential Timber.

Carrot, Scarlet Weeper: Root turns a darker shade of red and crown exudes moisture droplets when pulled.

Carrot, Scarlet Panties: An heirloom variety traced back to the seventeenth century where it was found in the garden of Hester Prynne.

Carrot, Orange Sawdust: Perfectly tapered cylindrical roots reach 12 inches even in hard pan. Bred for the cello trade. One bite will make you long for Queen Anne's Lace.

Carrot, Twisted Sister: Another choice variety for hard pan clay soils.

Carrot, Hokum: Our P.T. Barnum special. Never as good as the variety descriptions make it sound. See Presidential Timber for others of same ilk.

SECT. 9 BITTER HERBS, PERVERSE FLOWERS, GROTESQUE GRAINS

Petunia, Double Poster Brass: Bred especially for the bedding trade.

Lobelia, Ophelia: Select Danish variety, but always comes to a tragic end.

Winter Wry: The ground was too wet in the Spring to till it under, now it's waist-high and you need a rotovator or a scythe.

Statice: Many flowers climb; this one is the only social climber.

Morning Gory: Leaves turn blood-red at dawn, fade to normal color by midday.

Boring: Comes back in the same spot every year like clockwork.

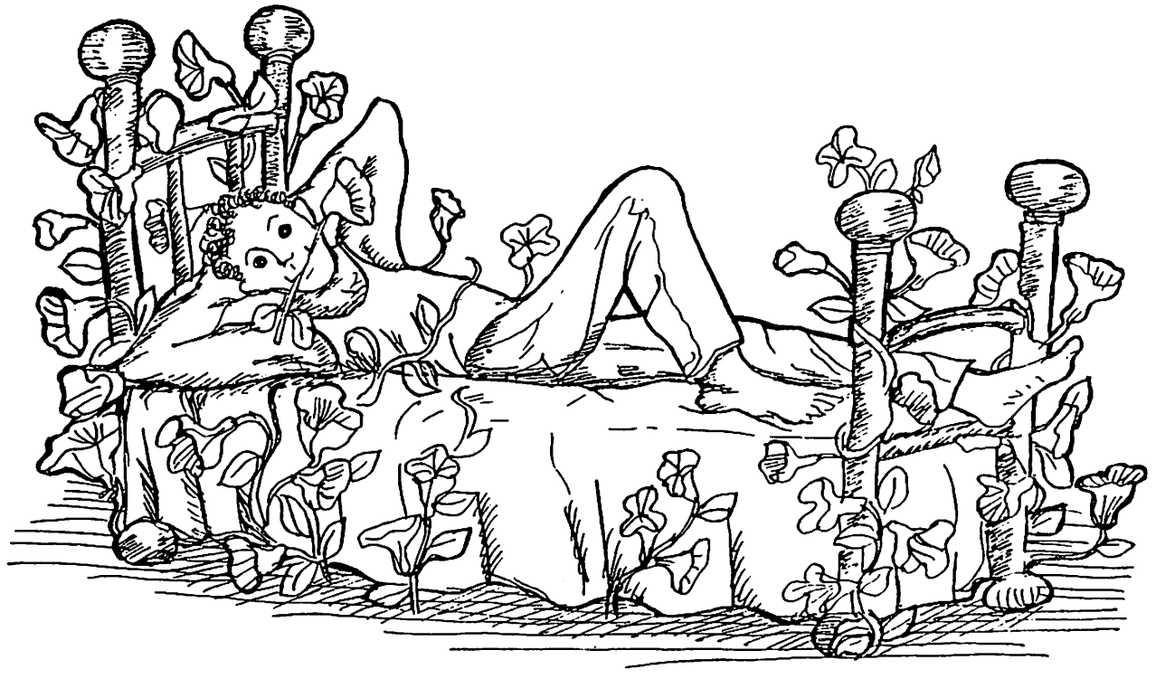
Time: The inexorable herb. Cannot be touched or plucked, weeded or cultivated, halted or reversed.

Stock: We regret that we are once again out of Stock.

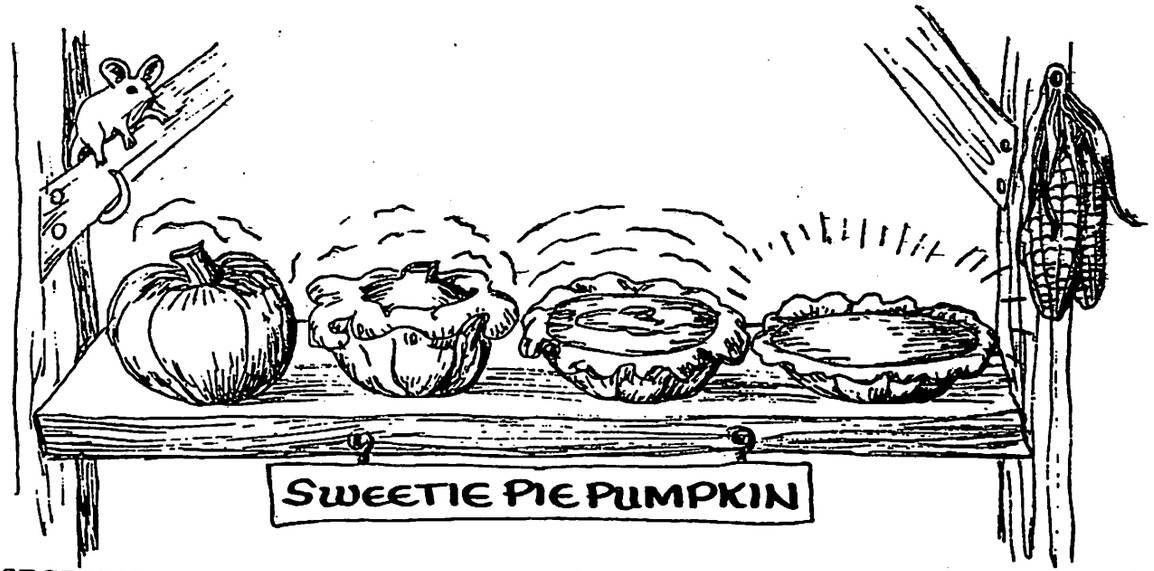
Dishonesty: Copious yielder of shiny silver dollars, but when you go to pick them they vanish. This plant is a true charlatan.

Amnesia: Sorry, we forgot the description.

Basil, Rathbone: Garden sleuth and good companion to the George Bush Bean.



PETUNIA DOUBLE POSTER BRASS



SECTION 10 SWEET ONES Our obsession with sugar reaches its logical fulfillment in this section. You say you're not addicted? Hah, I'll bet you sneak candy bars, just like the rest of us! Choose these and you might just find them decent substitutes for that chocolate rush. And your kids never again will turn up their noses at vegetables.

Sweet Corn, Immortality: The unique feature of this corn is that the longer you store it the sweeter it gets until it turns into a long, oval carmel-flavored lollipop. The supersweets brought to their logical conclusion. Very difficult to store as anything that moves wants to get at them.

White Radish, Sugar Lump: You bite into this white root expecting to set your mouth on fire. Surprise, it tastes just like a lump of sugar!

Pumpkin, Sweetie Pie: This pumpkin turns itself into a pie during storage. No preparation or cooking necessary. Choose strain 1120 to serve for Thanksgiving, strain 1225 for Christmas, strain 202 for Sabbat, strain 321 for Spring Equinox.

Carrot, Popsicle Stix: Tastes like Orange Sherbet.

SECT.11 PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER & OTHER COMPOSTABLE MATERIAL

Carrot, Gary Hart: Pretty good quality, but too much penetration in soft soils.

The George Bush Bean: Snoops around the garden and knows too much for its own good.

The Bob Dole Pea: Doles out a meager harvest of medium-sized pods. Recommended for a dole-ful harvest. Our recession special.

The Joseph Biden Pepper: We regret unavailable this year. The Dept. of Agriculture has banned sales on the grounds of violation of the plant patenting act: unauthorized copying of genes went into its propagation. Nevertheless, we are biden' our time expecting to be able to reoffer in four years.

The Ed Muskie-Melon: Thinking it might be a good selection in a drafty year, we've brought back this old favorite after a lapse of sixteen years. Thrived in Maine, proved unadaptable in New Hampshire, might be worth a try in other climates. *Caution:* old seed has not been tested recently.

The Jimmy Carter Peanut: Ridiculed and denigrated over the last eight years, this variety may yet regain its popularity.

Seven Dwarfs Mixture: Custom blend of the above types with trace amounts of others added: e.g. The Babbitt Cleanser, The Gore War, and The Pure Simon.

Justice Bork: New class of vegetable ingested, but not stomached by Senate Democrats. Goes well with Big Boomer for that old New England favorite Bork and Beans. Or choose if you believe seeds have more rights than living plants.

Note: if you are not satisfied with the above selections, we recommend:

Splat! Theatre Tomato: The ones that got away provide good missiles for bad actors. Theatrical politicians would also make good targets.

SECTION 12 WAREHOUSE JETSAM

Every year we accumulate certain detritus in putting together seed orders. We offer this warehouse flotsam and jetsam with the understanding that one person's trash is another's treasure.

#1 Broken Rubber Bands: A certain number of these snap each season. If your nerves are also snapping, they make pretty good slings for vulnerable behinds.

#2 Nasty Dust: Nasturtiums are known as 'nasties' in the warehouse. This is what's left in the bottom of the bag after all the seeds are packed.

#3 Beet Dust: Similar to #2 except from beets. These are even better than Nasties at generating dust. The occasional stray seed is a bonus.

#4 Captan Dust: Left over from the bad old days when we carried an occasional lot of treated seed. This is the concentrated form from the bottom of bags. If a little bit is effective, think how much more so the concentration will be. A warehouse artifact.

#5 Table Sweepings: Fast packers spill seed. What's left is swept off tables into mystery packets. Great for kids because full of surprises!

#6 Bulb Peelings: Left over from our fall bulb orders.

#7 Peanut Shells: Left over from our hungry crew. Go great with **#8 Empty Beer Bottles.** See also **#9 Popcorn "Old-Maids".**

SECT.13 FEDCO SEEDS' SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

Enticed by effusive catalog hyperbole? Boggled by all these succulent suggestions? Can't make up your mind? Let us do it for you! Join our subscription service. We have ideal selections for five different garden sizes.

The $10 garden: Postage-stamp size.

The $20 garden: For the busy yuppie, a strong accent on the latest 'in' varieties.

The $50 garden: Larger packets for serious gardeners.

The $100 garden: For fanatics with lots of space.

The $500 garden: Our hippie homestead special for would-be market gardeners. Includes all the latest gadgets including row covers, foliar sprays, bug harassers, deer deterrers and hula hoops.

These selections are made with due respect to diversity, ease of growing, current popularity of the varieties, and above all, inventory gluts in the warehouse.

SECT. 14: NO GARDENER SHOULD EVER BE WITHOUT ONE!

1. Pesty Predators: Amaze your friends with these hideous, realistic plastic replicas of your favorite garden pests. Includes sated slug, looped cabbage looper, home fried potato beetle, crocked cucumber beetle and puffy earworm at 5x life size, and bloated black fly, miasmic mosquito, and invisible no-see-um at 20x life size. Sticking pins in the models is said by some to reduce pest populations outdoors. Includes free can of Cutter's.

2. Sinuous Snake: Companion to above, this life-size rattlesnake replica even rattles when you wind it. Moreover, it opens its mouth wide and ingests the insect models above when they come within its magnetic field. Special instructions for taking apart its belly when it becomes glutted with insects.